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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified patent application the document listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document is also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make this document of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b) as it within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application and/or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is required.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

In addition, Applicants submit for the Examiner's consideration the following co-pending and co-owned application, cited by serial number, first named inventor and filing date.

	Serial No.:	First Named Inventor	Date:
1.	10/402,661	Jaime Poris	March 28, 2003

The Applicants presume that the Examiner has access to and will review the co-pending applications and the files thereof for any office actions, amendments or other materials that may be relevant to the patentability of the claims of the present application. For any such U.S. patent application(s) that are currently pending, the Applicants further presume that the Examiner will consider any future office actions, amendments or other materials in the file thereof that may be relevant to the patentability of the claims herein. **If the Applicants' understanding in this regard is not correct, please notify the undersigned so that copies of any such documents can be submitted to the Examiner with the necessary precautions so that the file may be expunged of any proprietary information that is considered unimportant to a reasonable examiner.**

The co-pending application in the above list is unpublished. Applicants do not believe that it is proper for the listed application to appear on the face of any patent that may issue from the present application, and accordingly, Applicants have not listed these applications on a PTO-Form 1449.

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U.S. Patent Documents							
*Examiner Initial	Serial Number	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	1.	4,849,694	Jul. 18, 1989	Coates	324	230	
	2.	5,525,903	Jun. 11, 1996	Mandl et al.	324	230	
	3.	5,625,170	Apr. 29, 1997	Poris	177	50	
	4.	US 2002/0053904	May 9, 2002	Chen et al.	324	230	
	5.	US 6,407,546 B1	Jun. 18, 2002	Le et al.	324	230	
	6.	US 6,433,541 B1	Aug. 13, 2002	Lehman et al.	324	230	
	7.	US 6,563,308 B1	May 13, 2003	Nagano et al.	324	230	
	8.	US RE37,749 E	Jun 18, 2002	Poris	204	230.1	
OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	9.	"Eddy Current Theory – Testing", http://www.hocking.com/theory_testing.htm , downloaded March 6, 2003, 9 pages					

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